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Coffee County man charged in death of seven-year-old youth



BARN FIRE KEEPS FIREFIGHTERS BUSY . . . What began as a barn fire on County Road 21 last Tuesday afternoon, March 15, turned into a blazing woods fire with the aid of a tricky wind and kept area firefighters busy for hours as they attempted to extinguish the quickly spreading fire. A paved road helped stop the blaze on one side, but it took the skill and determination of firemen to put the fire out prior to nightfall.

A Coffee County Grand Jury is scheduled to convene this week to hear evidence in connection with the death of a seven-year-old Enterprise youth whose body was discovered in a thicket of bushes on a vacant lot last week in Enterprise.

According to officials in the Coffee County District Attorney's office, William Thomas Horstead, of the Shiloh community, was arrested last week and charged with capital murder in connection with the strangulation death of Antonio Jermaine Brundidge, whose body was discovered on

March 13.

The mother of the youth reported her son missing on Saturday night, March 12 and told authorities that when she last saw her son he was in the presence of Horstead, who is reported to be a friend of the family.

The body was found following a search of bushes on a vacant lot.

Two warrants were filed against Horstead in connection with the case, with the first warrant dealing with interference with custody.

The first warrant reportedly involved the act of taking or enticing a

minor from his parents, guardian or other legal custodian.

The second, two-count warrant, charged Horstead with capital murder. In this warrant, Horstead is charged with causing the boy's death while committing the act of sodomy and in the second count it is charged that the boy's death was caused while the accused was allegedly engaged or attempting to engage in sexual contact.

Horstead is being held without bond at an undisclosed location.

Video tapes are valuable tools for Human Resource agency

The popularity of video tapes has exploded in recent years, and while the uses of the tapes are many and wide ranging, the Coffee County Dept. of Human Resources has compiled a video library that serves as both a training tool for department employees and a source of information to area civic organizations.

"The workers involved in the service units in the department can relate better to the video presentation by viewing actual cases than by simply sitting down and reading what experts say is the right way to act," stated Service Unit supervisor Cathie Hansen.

"The actual viewing of cases and the discussion of the cases adds to the workers all give them the confidence that what they are doing is an accepted method. The video can be used at any time by any employee and that makes it easier for the employees to view the tapes at their leisure."

"When the state holds workshops, many times the employees are tied up for days and their work goes on. The video allows the employee, but through viewing of the videos the employees can even take the tapes home and view them whenever they want. The videotapes in the county department library are made available to our employees making our employees more professional."

"Some of the best teaching available is through the use of the videos," stated county director Ronald Smith. "Our employees are able to view the methods used by some of the leading psychologists in the nation and the world. It is always helpful whenever a member of the staff attends a workshop; however, the viewing of tapes makes the workshops available to all employees seven days a week!"

"The training available through the videos can't be underestimated. The workers in the employees can become more efficient through the use of the tapes if means the entire department will benefit and at the same time the videos provide a means of saving funds needed for travel expenses. Some of the videos prevent constant out-of-department training and through this money is saved that is needed."

Video tapes housed in the library include Sexuality; Family; Working Together; The Batter Child - Page 1; The Battered Child - Page 2; The Interview; Investigating Cases of Child Abuse; Presenting Abuse to Parents; Barb; Breaking the Cycle; Child Abuse; Listening To Kids; Strong Kids Safe Kids; How Can I Tell If I'm Really In Love?; Drug-Free Kids; AIDS and the American Family; and State Office Foster Care.

"The video deal with protective

services and the tapes are primarily a training tool," stated Smith, "but many of them carry an important message to young adults and the elderly community. The tapes are shown in many different meetings of the staff here at the county department, and after they are viewed a question-and-answer session is held to give the students a chance to express their views on what they have seen."

Coffee County is the only county in the state with such a large video library and the ability to use the tapes as thoroughly in the field of training, a fact Smith reluctantly admits.

"The videos are often quite frank and graphic, but the messages they deliver are true. The tapes are available to area civic organizations as presentations and would be an excellent tool for teachers to use to better recognize possible cases of abuse, neglect or drug usage."

"The tapes are very expensive, but if any club or civic group would like to show one, they may contact us and we'll be glad to work with them."

Anyone wishing to receive more information should contact the Coffee County Dept. of Human Resources at 897-3424.

GTE customers in Elba are now calling card calls, collect calls and calls charged to another number by dialing 0 and then the number. Customers are able to initiate process," said Allen W. McCook, GTE's General Manager in Alabama. "For the customer, 0-plus dialing is directly attributed to deregulation in the telecommunications industry."

In addition to the convenience of 0-plus direct dialing, consumers will now be able to direct dial international calls by dialing 011 plus the international number.

Any questions about 0-plus dialing may be referred to the local GTE Customer Service Manager. In Ozark that number is 774-2222.

Following is a brief explanation on long distance calling options that will be available to GTE customers as exchanges are converted to 0-plus dialing.

The Southeast Alabama Regional Planning & Development Commission has announced that industrial developers from across the southeast will tour southwest Alabama during the first two weeks of April.

The tour will start in Dothan and includes stops in Barbour, Coffee, Dale, Covington, Geneva, Henry and Houston counties and the developers

will have the opportunity to visit industrial sites and existing industries and meet with local officials.

Of the developers planning to attend the tour, 40 are from outside Alabama and those on the tour represent utility companies, financial institutions, engineering firms and construction companies.

Traffic fatalities rise in 1987 on rural roadways across state

Preliminary figures show traffic fatalities on Alabama's rural roadways rose 11% in 1987, compared with 1986, according to Col. Thomas Wells, Director of the Department of Public Safety. Rural accidents claimed 690 lives in 1986, compared to 679 in 1987.

Wells stated that the largest increase in rural fatalities was recorded on U.S. and state highways, up 18%, from 322 to 389 from the prior year.

Don't Forget....LITTLE MISS ELBA PAGEANT

Saturday Night 7:00 p.m. Elba High School



DORSEY CELEBRATES ANNIVERSARY - The new ownership of Dorsey Trailers celebrated their first anniversary last Saturday with a daylong celebration at Hawkins-Williams Park in Elba. Hundreds of company employees and their families enjoyed the games, giveaways and tons of free food that company officials provided.

Ft. Rucker & FBI

offering \$3,000 reward in case

The Ft. Rucker Criminal Investigation Division (CID) and the FBI are offering a reward of up to \$3,000 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of suspect(s) involved in two sexual assaults that occurred there in 1987.

The assaults occurred during the nights of April 24, and Sept. 25, in government quarters in the Allen Heights housing complex. The two victims' husbands were at work, according to CID officials.

It is not known if these assaults were committed by the same person; however, any information concerning these assaults should be reported to the Ft. Rucker CID Office at 255-3108, 255-5412, or 255-4435.

The reward offer expires Feb. 19, 1988.

BRAINSTORMS

By Ferrin Cox

Dorsey Inc., the new company newsletter for employees of Dorsey Trailers, notes that the local trailer plant has a backlog of 1200 orders of work lasting up to 16 weeks. This is almost four months of work for the Elba Dorsey plant. The newsletter indicated that the other two Dorsey plants were also in good shape in work backlog. This means the market is good and the sales department is apparently doing the job it is designed to do.

Before the elections of March 8, we gave our decision on how we intended to vote in the six candidates. Several people asked us why we got them wrong. Our vote decision was correct but without our entire thinker working we explained one of them as having to do with tax-cut-of-state corporations the same as in-state folks. Well that wasn't anything near what the vote was about and I knew that. We actually voted to keep lawsuits in their home county rather than allowing lawyers and/or others to hunt a county they feel will give them a better verdict. The bill passed in spite of my missing up.

We plan to be among the area folks who attend the Coffee County Arts Alliance event this Friday night in Enterprise. This time it is a ballot with all those pretty girls gliding gracefully across the stage and that is always nice to watch. We understand from those who have seen this group before that they do their thing with all the grace a ballet dancer is supposed to be born with and they have trained to perfection. We might note that our tickets ain't lost this time... they are holding them at the door for us!

Alabama lawmakers have spent the first half of this current session sparing with the governor. Now it would be easy to blame this on him by being a Republican, but thinking back, this is the norm way of doing business. First, we like these great bills and the not-so-great ones also. Then the lawmakers go to work trying to make sure we don't really want in the first place for something they really need. Now this may not be in the best interest of the state, but it will surely help the lawmaker on election day. Needless to say, we don't like this system but it ain't unique to Alabama. This is the way it works in all 50 states and in Washington. We might throw in all the cities and counties in the country also.

Elba band boosters need to be careful as they do their raising. They need \$50,000 needed to take the band on a cruise next summer. We are already getting some disappointing remarks from those who will be asked to buy the items they will be selling. We fully understand those words have already upset the mothers and daddies who are involved with the band project, but they are going to hear it sooner or later and better get ready.

Opertunities members of booster clubs get upset when others don't share their excitement for boosting their particular group, but then if they did, everyone would be members of the booster club. As one man noted this week, we need some of this same excitement for academic endeavor as we can generate for these sports, band and other optional programs. That ain't what he said, but it sure is.

The idea of sending our fighting troops to Central America is a bit frightening. Of course we know exactly why we keep a trained military force but always hope we don't have to use it. This very day we said a word of prayer for our fighting men and women as they undertake this very explosive mission. Everything will be cool if some nut doesn't get trigger happy but then....

Now is the time for us to start thinking about changing our clocks to go onto daylight savings time. The date this year is the same as Easter Sunday... April 3rd. That is the time we remember to "spring forward" on our clocks at 2:00 Sunday morning. Of course at our house we ain't gonna wait around until 2 a.m. before changing our clocks, we will just do it when we start thinking about bedtime. The terrible thing about this time change is that we will miss a hour's sleep that can't be made up until next fall.

We recently grabbed up one of those magazines printed to help us solve all our problems in handling our money for today, tomorrow or whatever; Well, the cover made the book look like it was worth whatever they charged for it because it indicated you could learn how to live on our income. How ever if you expect to learn how to live on your income you need to make more money! Now if that is all you need to know to seek out a financial advisor then a lot of us are walking experts on the matter. None of us have many money problems that couldn't be solved by increasing the amount of money we have to spend in the first place. Needless to say, after reading that magazine, I was ready to go back to reading something that made a little more sense than some expert who could only suggest an increase in the amount of income as the best solution to that couple's problem.

Elba's Debbie Williams Named News Director At WLWI/FM AM

Elba native, Debbie Williams has been promoted to News Director at Montgomery radio station WLWI FM/AM.

After getting her start at WDHNTV 18 in Dothan and WELB in Elba, Debbie has quickly progressed from general assignments reporter to assignment editor and now to her new position as News Director with

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:

As you, and possibly many of your readers are aware, National Security has been the recent target of an unfriendly takeover attempt by Louis J. Russell and Mutual Savings Life Insurance Company, with the intent to close our facility in Elba, moving the operation to Decatur, Alabama.

We are pleased and gratified to learn last week that the Commissioner of Insurance of Alabama decided in our favor, denying the acquisition by Mutual of the 22.2 percent of the company's stock. This ruling came in the result of a public hearing in Montgomery, January 11 - 13, and based on the evidence presented at the hearing, the commissioner issued the denial order citing four specific reasons for the denial.

Area Students Included On LBW Honors List For Winter Quarter

Area students making the President's List for Winter Quarter at Luellen B. Wallace State Junior College include:

Kinston - Tabatha Scofield, Sue Ann Teel; Brantley - Travis Kidd, Jeff Legg; Luverne - Tammy West.

ELBA POLICE REPORT

THURSDAY, MARCH 17
Activity included a wreck at Dorsey Trailers (6:52 a.m.), a wreck at front of The Peoples Bank (8:50 a.m.), a wreck on Highway 87 North (2:01 p.m.), a woods fire on Smith Avenue (3:40 p.m.), a wreck on Collier Street (4:46 p.m.) and a burglary on Polka Street (7:15 p.m.).

TUESDAY, MARCH 15
Activity included a wreck at North (3:12 p.m.) and a barn fire on County Road 21 (3:35 p.m.).

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16
Activity included a vehicle on fire on Smith Avenue (5:02 a.m.).

SATURDAY, MARCH 19
Routine activity reported.

SUNDAY, MARCH 20
Activity included a burglary at a trailer on Taylor Mill Road (9:30 a.m.) and a grass fire on Highway 203 (2:53 p.m.).

MONDAY, MARCH 21
Activity included a wreck at Davis & Claxton (4:15 p.m.) and a wreck at the Big Bear (7:38 p.m.).

Bulletin Board
S.S. REP - City Hall, 1st Tues. 9:30 - 12:30 p.m. - 417-23-034
ROTARY CLUB - Mon. 10 a.m.
EAST BAPTIST CHURCH - 3rd & 4th Thurs. 7 p.m.
ELBA MUSICAL ASSN. - Thur. 8 a.m. - Ye Old Hickory Pk.
JAYCES - 1st & 3rd Thurs. 7 p.m.
CITY CLUB - 1st & 3rd Tues. 7 p.m.
LIONS CLUB - 2nd & 4th Tues. 6:30 p.m. - Beaver Dam Rest.
ELBA MUSICAL ASSN. - Thur. 8 a.m. - 417-23-0341
AMERICAN LEGION - 1st & 3rd Thurs. 7:30 p.m. - Ye Old Hickory Pk.
BOY SCOUTS - Mon. 7 p.m. - Over old City Hall
BROWNSTONE - 2nd & 4th Tues. 7 p.m. - Library
WATER & ELECTRIC - 2nd Tues. 6:30 p.m. - 417-23-0341
MASONIC LODGE 150 - 1st Sat. 6:30 p.m. - 417-23-0341
AA - Wed. 8 p.m. - Sun 6 p.m. - St. Citizens Bldg.
BAND - 1st Tues. 7 p.m. - 1st Men - 7 p.m. - Band Room
VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER - Tues. Th. 8:30 - 4:30, 897-2924
NEW ALMANAC - Wed. 8 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. - 417-23-0341
NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS - 5 - 6 p.m. - 417-23-0341
COFFEE COUNTY COON-HUNTERS ASSN. - 3rd Sat. 3 p.m. - Club House
WEIGHT WATCHERS - Mondays - 4:45 p.m. - 417-23-0341
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OBITUARIES

LUCILLE CAMPBELL ALFRED EDWARD SEYMORE

Mrs. Lucille McMinn, age 77, of Opp, died Sunday, Feb. 28, in a Dothan hospital. She was a social worker and a member of First United Methodist Church of Opp.

Funeral services will be held Tuesday, March 1, from Rainier Funeral Home, Opp, with Rev. Robert Kirkland officiating. Burial was in Peaceful Acres with Mrs. McMinn's directing.

Survivors include her daughter, Karen McMinn (Mrs. John K.) Lasalle of Columbus, Ga.

Pallbearers were Joe Benson, Charles Pierce, Bud Schofield, Olen Donaldson, L.A. Boyd, Jake Lubert Morrow.

Take Care With Easter Eggs

What would Easter be without hard-cooked eggs? You probably have fond memories of your family's traditional rites of coloring, decorating, hiding, hunting and ultimately eating these symbols of spring. Read on for some tips and ideas that can help you enjoy these bright, happy tokens of the season to the fullest.

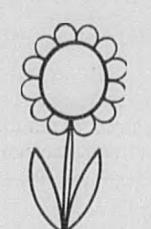
Did you know that the fresher the egg, the harder it may to peel after hard-cooking? This is because the egg shell forms between shell membranes as an egg ages helps to separate shell from egg. The air cell is small in very fresh eggs. So, buying eggs to hard-cook may help make them easier to peel.

Hard-cooking Easter eggs means just that - not soft-boiling as is commonly practiced. When eggs are cooked at too high a temperature or for too long, whites shrink and become tough and rubbery; yolks may turn gray-green.

The American Egg Board recommends a hard-cooking method that produces eggs with a more palatable texture and also saves energy. First, choose a wide pan, two smaller pans or cook eggs in batches. If you've ever found some softer-centered eggs in with fully hard-cooked eggs, it may be due to poor heat circulation caused by too many eggs layered one on top of another. So, place eggs in a single layer in the pan and

add enough tap water to come at least 1 inch above the eggs. Cover and rapidly bring water to a boil. Let eggs stand covered in hot water for 15 to 17 minutes for large eggs - adjust time up or down by about 3 minutes for each size larger or smaller. Cool immediately after cooking as the heat retained in the water will continue to cook the eggs. Use a slotted spoon to transfer the cooked eggs into a pan or bowl of ice or cold water. Or, carefully pour off the hot water in a pan and run cold tap water over the eggs until they're cool to the touch (5 minutes isn't too long).

If you plan to eat your hard-cooked Easter eggs, be sure to refrigerate them much as possible between cooking, decorating and the meal or display. (Save egg cartons for the refrigerator.) Uncooked hard-cooked eggs cared for in this manner should be used within a week. If your decorated eggs have been at room temperature all day off if they've cracked, discard them.



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Comm. Jimmy Bryan To Seek Re-election From District 1

Coffee County commissioner Jimmy Bryan has announced plans to seek re-election to the commission in District 1 in the upcoming Democratic primary.

In making his announcement, Bryan stated "I have proven to all the people in this county that I am willing to take a stand on any issue regardless of political popularity and I will continue to make a stand on any issue that is important to the people of this county."

"When I first sought office I vowed to work to improve the efficiency of county government and steps have been made to improve the many items that take place everyday. There are still improvements to be made, but the county is headed in the right direction and it is our duty to continue to improve and the citizens will be able to get help when needed."

In stating the highlights of his first administration, Comm. Bryan reported the things he was proudest of was the expansion of the rural fire protection programs throughout the county, the expansion of the Coffee

County jail and improvements that resulted in the jail being removed from a federal lawsuit dealing with the failure to meet federal regulations, the addition of a multi-purpose building at the farm center complex, the continued renovation at the county courthouse and the changes in the county which are being made.

"I am especially proud of the highway department," stated Bryan. "During the past four years the equipment in the department was upgraded and the entire department underwent a review. In the coming weeks and months the upgrading of the department will continue and every effort will be made to insure the department is running efficiently. The department will continue to improve and the citizens will be able to get help when needed."

Bryan is a lifelong resident of Coffee County and graduated from Elba High School and Troy State University. He is married to the former Rachel Wilkes, of Elba, and they have three children, all of which have attended or are attending public school in Coffee County.

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Jimmy Bryan

adopt a budget and not make the departments stay within the limits of the budget. It has been a constant battle to make the departments live within their budgets, but it is a battle I've fought and a battle I'll continue to fight."

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Leon Smart To Seek District 1 Position

Leon Smart announced last week that he had qualified to seek the position of county commissioner from District 1 in Coffee County.

In making his announcement, Smart stated that he pledged dedication and hard work to help improve the county's public services, including roads, drainage, water systems and the programs for the senior citizens of the county.

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SOCIAL NEWS



LITTLE MISS ELBA CONTESTANTS...The annual Little Miss Elba pageant will be held on Saturday night, March 26, at 7:00 p.m. at the Elba High School auditorium with the following lovely young ladies competing for the title of Little Miss Elba and the right to represent the City of Elba in the National Peanut Festival to be held this year in Dothan. Contestants include (front row, l-r) Elizabeth Godsey, Casey Henderson, Paige Bryan, Brandi Harrison, Christy Elaine Houston, Dana Biggs, Elizabeth Stephens and Julie Roberson. Back row (l-r) are Amber Frederick, Christy Smith, Paige Hudson, Laura Crowe, Angela Lancy, Tia Flowers, Deana Farris and Reese Grantham.

Little Miss Elba To Be Named Saturday

It is with love and grateful hearts that Candi, Gen and I say thank you to the Chancellor A. F. & A. M. Lodge No. 664 and the Knights of Columbus for the bar-b-que benefit given for us on March 11, 1988. There was a tremendous effort put forth in the planning, cakes baked, plates sold and teamwork as a whole. Our hearts have been filled to know Paul touched the lives of so many.

Thank you for your love shown to us through his memory.

We love each and everyone of you.

GLENDA, CANDI AND GENA STOKES
3-24-1c

News From Our Early Files

TEN YEARS AGO MARCH 30, 1978

*The City of Elba workers are shown with about 80 of the several hundred turtles they dipped out of a drain at the sewer lagoon several weeks ago.

**Man and Woman of the Year for Elba are Mr. Lamar Rainer and Mrs. Myrtle Sellers.

***Ruby Mickell of Elba has been hired by Bell Helicopter Interna-

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tional as head secretary and assistant office manager to John R. Foster in the Bell Office in Frankfort.

**Ninth-graders in Mrs. Sylvia Lowery's English class worked hard this past nine weeks in their book reports. Pictured with their projects are Vickie Ellison, Ken Campbell, Pam Hartman, Herman McClain, Larry McWaters, dressed as Huckleberry Finn; Lisa Stinson, Rhonda Hussey, Donn Rugg, Sandra Mobley.

**Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Davis celebrated their birthdays this past Easter. Sunday, March 26, at their home, the couple were joined by their daughter, Sue Havanna, to Delys B. Adkison, son of Mr. and Mrs. Winston Adkison of Samson. The award was presented for ex-

emplary conduct while in the active

service of the United States.

Raymond is an irrigation specialist with the Medical Department at Fort Meade, N.J.

The award will be conducted by Rev. Willie L. and Muriel Raymond of Kinston, son of Mrs. Reta Johnson and the late Lewis L. Johnson, also of Elba. The marriage will take place in the early spring at the home of the Rev. and Mrs. W.R. Fuller, Elba. . . Mr. and Mrs. Zig Barks and children of Andalusia visited Mr. and Mrs. J.C. Fleming Friday.

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The Rebel News

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Rachel Bryan-Sponsor



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Students Compete In Table Setting Contest

By: Camille Marler
"Eastern" was the theme of Plain & Fancy (of Enterprise) annual tablesetting contest. Donna Griswold and Lavonia Johnson, both seniors, competed in the local competition at Zion Chapel High School.

Lavonia and Donna each used half of the long dining table in the Home Economics Department for their tablesetting. Lavonia used a white candle, a blue napkin, and a copper blue placemat which is a shell pattern. She chose Crown Ming China, a blue and pink floral pattern with a blue and white band, and two candles for "romantic" touch. Her napkins were folded in the lotus style and set in the crystal compote glass. Lavonia also created her own floral arrangement, using festive Easter eggs and candies as accents.

Lavonia's design was a large, colorful and blue napkin, folded in the 5-point style and set in the crystal beverage glass with a yellow flower as accent. She used Norleans China in a blue floral pattern with a patterned band. Lavonia's floral arrangement consisted of live tulips, carnations and gladiolas, for a "spring touch". She added miniature

spring straw hat for accent.

Mrs. Ogles, Home Economics teacher said, "She was very pleased with the tablesettings. They both did an exceptional job."

Donna, the winner of the competition, will represent the county wide competition at Plain & Fancy for scholarship to Enterprise State Junior College. There she will receive a prize for winning the local competition.

Yelverton Visits Family Living Class

By: Wayne Davis
Zion Chapel's family living class was recently visited by Gladys Yelverton, a faculty member of the Enterprise State Junior College.

Yelverton, who is a student which are seniors, a self-grading test, which would help them in making career decisions. The test measures values, abilities, interests, and other information, and analyzed which areas each student was best suited.

Becki Hussey Is A Winner In HOSA Contest

By: Gina Huckaba
Becki Hussey won a gold medal at the District IV Leadership Development Conference held recently at Wallace College in Marion.

Becki is one of the students attending the Coffee County Area Vocational Center who is enrolled in Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA).

Her competition included making up an unoccupied bed. This must be done in seven minutes. Becki was required to place a patient in numerous positions including Fowler's positions which included 25, 45, and 90 degree positional angles.

Becki's first place winning will send her to Tuscaloosa for State HOSA competition.

Clowns Visit Elementary School

By: Lee Kelley
Recently, the Zion Chapel Elementary School, the Zippy Farm Clowns and Associates sponsored the Peanut Circus.

The circus started at 1:30 and lasted fifty minutes. There was music, games, a clown, a pony and a Dune Buggy. The audience participated in the activities and some received balloon animals.

Although the circus was funny it was also a fun learning experience. Admission was 75 cents and each student who wanted extra snacks brought in a dollar to buy some chips from Mr. Lowery, principal of the Elementary School.



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The girls who wanted to try out for varsity cheerleader met after school recently to start practice for tryouts. They performed a routine, a single routine and a double stunt. The dance routine was done to "Tell It To My Heart," and the double stunt with a former cheerleader. The lucky girls who will be the new 1988-89

varsity cheerleaders are: Michelle Oglesby - sophomore; Shannon Ward - freshman; Shann Cotton - sophomore; Shea Stinson - sophomore; co-captain; Michelle McLendon - junior, captain; Shannon Jimright - freshman; Christie Anderson - freshman; and Angie Rhoden - freshman.

Jason McLeod Wins In County Livestock Show

By: Jackie Parrish

Jason McLeod was the winner of the Best Native Calf ADG (average daily gain) award in the County 4-H FFA (Future Farmers of America) Steer Show recently at the Fair Center in New Brockton. The show was sponsored by Coffee County Extension Service in cooperation with the Coffee County Extension Service, Enterprise Chamber of Commerce, vocational and agricultural departments and the State Department of Agriculture and Industries.

The Best Native Calf ADG award was given by Coffee County Extension Service in memory of Bert Dean, who killed last year in an automobile accident. He was active in 4-H and showed cows for Coffee County. The show was presented to Jason McLeod by E. Dean. This award is given to the 4-H'er who showed a Coffee County calf that had the best average daily gain and the calf gained 3.44 pounds per day.

Jason also placed fourth in the Showmanship Division at the Coffee County Steer Show. He carried his calf to the District Show in Dothan

FBLA Members Hear District Contest Plans

By: Todd Rugg

The Zion Chapel Drivers Ed Club will have a new car to allow students to practice driving skills. The car, donated by Cook Chevrolet, is a black 1988 Chevrolet Corvair which all the students enjoy.

Before the students got to drive the car they had to spend six weeks in the classroom learning the road signs, rules of the road and overall safety. The first three days students were to draw and color 16 signs that were to be placed on the road. Then they were to draw a crossing sign. A test was then given to the drivers and everyone did well. The class then watched several driving films on car safety and seat belts. The class has started driving and everyone is excited about the class.

Drivers Education is a one semester course. The students have been classroom training for six weeks then they drive on alternating days for the rest of the semester.

Zion Chapel Chemistry Class Watches Film

By: Robbie Davis

The Department of Communications at Jacksonville State University has a new scholarship in the amount of \$1,000 yearly for four years for a qualified high school senior who will major in communications.

An entering freshman must have a minimum high school grade point average (GPA) of 3.25 on a 4.0 scale and a minimum ACT composite of 25.

To retain this scholarship, the recipient must keep a minimum GPA of 2.25 on a 3.0 scale overall and maintain a major in communications.

Prizes for the scholarship will be given if the student's GPA drops below 2.25. The student will forfeit the scholarship until the next semester, if the GPA drops below 2.25. The student will forfeit the scholarship until the next semester, if the GPA has still not regained the 2.25 status. The student will forfeit the scholarship permanently. The scholarship application deadline is April 1.

The film first told of the need for more pharmacists. In every 3500 students there is one pharmacist.

The second video learned that in order to enter the pharmaceutical field one must have a B.S. or a Doctorate.

The class learned what the abbreviations on prescriptions mean.

They learned that tablets are not pure medicine; there are binders, fillers and special coatings to protect the stomach.

Never swallow tablets whole; a break the film and Mrs. Grant would ask her class questions and the class seemed interested in answering them and finding out more.

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After the videos were over the class went to the lab and worked on some of the things discussed in the video. Some of the experiments will be the breakdown of aspirin, testing water for fluoride levels, and emulsions.

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LUNCH

Monday - Beef Pattie & Gravy, Rice, Green Beans, Fruit, Roll

Tuesday - Barbecue on Bun, Rice, Peas with Snaps, Cake, Milk

Wednesday - Ham-Cheese Sandwich with Lettuce, Butterbeans, Fruit, Ice Cream, Cookie, Milk

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Tuesday - Barbecue on Bun, Rice in Stock, Peas with Snaps or Turnips, Brownie, Cornbread, Milk

Wednesday - Spaghetti, Tossed Salad, Bread, Banana Pudding, Milk

Thursday - Hamburger on Bun, Lettuce, Tomato, Dill, Onion, French Fries, Catsup, Baked Beans, Cookie, Milk

Dairy Judging Team Wins County Contest Recently

Pictured above are members of District Contest on April 30 in Troy.

Team members are Lance Tindol, Jason Hodge, Kirby Lawford, and Spence Ziegler.

The team will compete at the

Guidance Office News

Huntingdon College is presenting a "Summer College" for the academically superior high school junior. The dates will be June 13 - July 15, 1988.

Each student is selected to be a member of high school students who have completed their junior year with an academic record of B or better in academic courses, work is invited to participate in an exciting and stimulating educational experience. Students accepted for the Step Ahead Program may enroll in the first summer term at Huntingdon College.

Troy State To Sponsor High School Day

Troy State will sponsor its annual High School Day on Saturday, March 26, 1988. All persons who have applied for admission, or have forwarded ACT scores, are invited to Troy State for the fall quarter 1988 have been invited for the event.

Any junior or senior who is interested in Troy State University may attend the High School Day. Representatives from each academic major, each campus organization, and each agency will be on hand.

Contact Mike Carnley, counselor for more information.

Employer Of The Week Is Hardee's Of Elba

We are proud to have as a participant in the 1987-88 co-op program.

Steve Atkinson, a senior, has been employed since July 6, 1987. Deloris

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Sports

Views From The Pressbox By, Ricky Mularz

I'm always sleepy, so last Thursday night when I stayed up all night picking up donuts for the Elba junior cheerleaders it really hit me like a brick wall. I came to work Friday with exactly no sleep! Melissa let me sleep in Saturday morning even though she did wake me up at 8:30 to watch cartoons with her. I'd gone to bed at 7:00 p.m. the night before anyway, which meant I had enough sleep to at least make it thru the day. Oh, yeah, if you see me this week and I still look sleepy it's because I still need about twelve more hours to catch up.

NEW COACHES ARE GREAT ADDITIONS

Schools always play the game of musical chairs as far as coaches are concerned around the first of the year and while both Kinston and Brantley were in the news during the game this year, both came up as winners in the race to get the best coaches available!

Kinston got Trent Taylor as its new coach and Taylor will prove to be just what the doctor ordered down at Bulldog country. Coach Taylor is a young, energetic coach and will bring him to Kinston that spirit that young coaches always display on and off the field. Taylor was the quarterback at Andalusia back when the Bulldogs last won the state title and learned the game of football under some of the finest coaches in the high school ranks. Kinston got a fine one!

Brantley changes coaches about once every decade, so it took a lot of people by surprise when Coach Paul Wooley resigned recently. Coach Wooley was a fine coach and served Brantley well; however, the Bulldogs had slipped to a 1-8 record last season and since the change was good for Coach Wooley, it was also good for Brantley! Coach Watson will bring with him a knowledge learned at several colleges and high schools and his youth will also play a big part in his success in reaching the kids. I know that Watson was highly regarded by several schools and Brantley won the battle. It should be a good year up in Brantley!

BASEBALL IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER

I guess that AEA was just a break between seasons for high schoolers at Elba High because baseball practice is going full speed this week and it looks like the Tigers will once again be the team to beat in the Class 3A, Area 4 bracket.

Coach Rick Rainer led the Tigers to the state tourney last year for the first time in school history and while he lost a lot of his players from the squad he has a good bunch coming back and is excited about the upcoming season.

I read in the Daleville paper that the Warhawks were going to make it to the playoffs and the coach all but guaranteed the playoff berth. The Warhawks may be good this season and might just make it, but I think that the Tigers have to be the preseasn favorites and while I'm not about to make any bold statement like Daleville's coach, I'm picking the Tigers!

Youth Baseball To Begin April 25 In
Elba....Get Ready To Play Ball!!!!

Elba Tigers To Open Baseball Season Friday

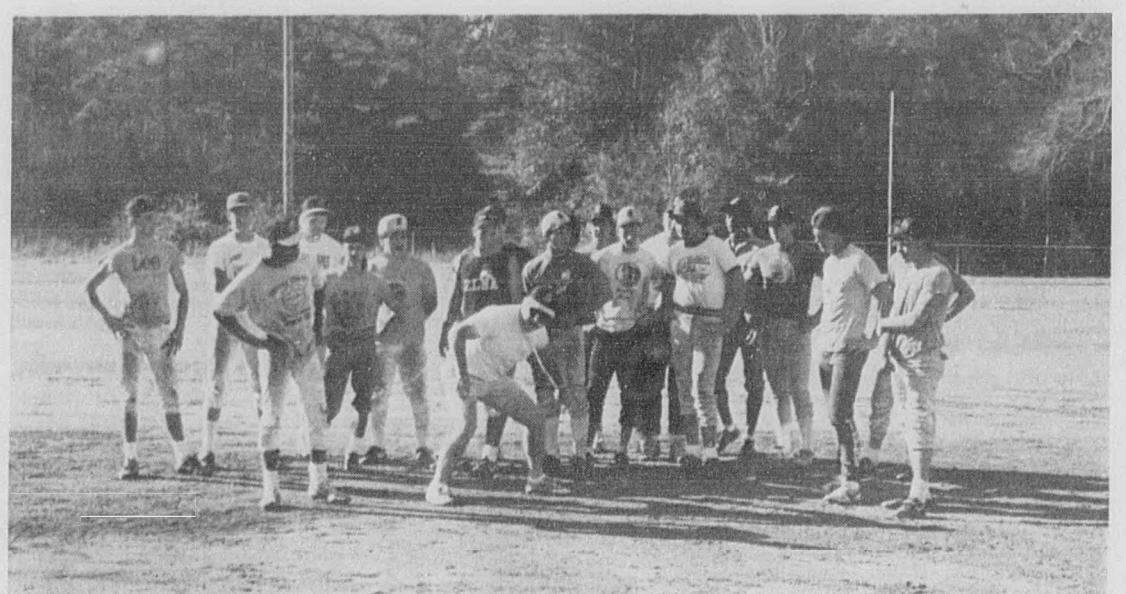
The Elba Tigers will open the 1988 high school baseball season Friday afternoon, March 25, when they entertain the Daleville Varsity in a JV Class 3A, Area 4 battle and while the Tigers will carry the 1987 area baseball title with them onto the field, Coach Rick Rainer reports that the '88 edition of the Tigers will have to prove what kind of team they are and not rest on the laurels of last year's state contenders.

"We enjoyed a lot of success last year," stated Rainer, "but that doesn't mean a thing as far as this year is concerned. We return a lot of players who played a big part in last year's success; however, like I keep telling the players, every year stands on its own merits and with Daleville staring us square in the face it's time to get down to business."

The Tigers are rich in returning starters this season and return tested starters in shortstop Greg Hanchey, third baseman Steve Sauls, second baseman Bobby Bowden, first baseman Chris Thomas, outfielder Matt Henderson and pitcher Tim Sullivan. Returnees David Rowe, Jamie Whitworth, Wynn Grimes and Barry Bryan also dot the roster, while back after sitting out a year are Jason Johnson and Leon Coleman.

"Our pitching will be our question mark early in the season due to the fact we don't return a proven pitcher," said Rainer, "but all five of our pitchers have thrown well in practice and maybe it'll come around. If we have a strength it might be in our hitting. We have been hitting the ball well in the batting cage and have been making good contact with the ball, but of course the real test will come when we go live and actually have the ball coming at us in a game."

"We've got experience at almost every position on the field, with the exception of pitcher," added Rainer, "and we're all looking forward to getting the season underway, despite the very tough schedule."



Elba's Coach Rick Rainer works on fundamentals at practice

ELBA BASEBALL SCHEDULE 1988

MARCH 25	DALEVILLE	4:00	T
MARCH 29	ENTERPRISE	5:00	H
MARCH 30	ANDALUSIA	4:00	H
MARCH 31	LOUISVILLE	3:30	T
APRIL 5	ANDALUSIA	6:00	T
APRIL 6	OPP	4:00	H
APRIL 11	ARITON/ZION CHAPEL	3:00/5:30	H
APRIL 12	DALEVILLE	3:30	T
APRIL 15	LOUISVILLE	3:30	H
APRIL 18	ZION CHAPEL	5:30	H
APRIL 19	OPP	3:30	T
APRIL 25	DALEVILLE	4:00	H
APRIL 28	ENTERPRISE	5:00	T

Elba Babe Ruth Baseball League

Releases Team Rosters For '88

Following are rosters for the 1988 Elba Babe Ruth Baseball League. Anyone (13-15) who wishes to play, whose name does not appear, should call Dennis Smith at 897-6833 or 897-2333.

A'S

Coach Robbie Curran

Shane Spurlock
Mark Matthews

Todd McCall

Bennie Daniels

Brian Lusher

Ronald Thigpen

Tommy Young

Chris Armstrong

Hunter Hudson

Rob King

Kevin Bryan

Jamie Brockton

White Sox

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Ted Watson Named New Football Coach At Brantley High School

Ted Watson, a graduate of Repton High School and an assistant coach at Monroe County High School during the 1987 season, has been named the new head football coach at Brantley High School.

Watson, age 28, was named to replace Coach Paul Wooley, who was recently named the head football coach at Monroe County, in Monroeville.

An all-state football player at Repton, Watson attended Jacksonville State University on a football scholarship and was twice named All-Gulf South Conference as a line-backer. He received his master's degree at West Georgia College and while at the school served two years as a graduate assistant. Prior to accepting the assistant position at Monroe County, Watson was an assistant coach at Villa Rica High School in Villa Rica, Georgia.

After accepting the head coaching position at Brantley, Watson reported that he was both excited and nervous about accepting the job. Brantley will conclude spring football drills on March 31 when it will play in a jamboree in Luverne.

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Poster Winners - (L-R): Jessi Thomas - 6th grade; Melissa Jones - overall winner; Jill Windham - 5th grade; Jama Windham - overall runner-up, and Brad Adkins - 4th grade.

Poster Winners Announced

Twenty-eight students from the Elba Middle School recently participated in the Drug Awareness Poster Contest sponsored by the Elba Lions Club. Posters were judged on creativity, originality, neatness, overall design and message.

The winning poster was submitted by fifth-grade student Melissa Jones, with fourth-grader Jama Windham as runner-up.

Elba residents may see the winning posters displayed at various business around town.

Dr. Childs Appointed To Term On Covington Electric Board

H. A. Childs, of Samson, has been appointed to the Board of Trustees of Covington Electric Cooperative, for a term expiring in August of 1990.

His appointment was to fill a vacancy on the Board resulting from the recent death of former Board member Royce Stevenson. Mr. Stevenson had represented the Samson District on the Covington Electric Board for more than six years.

He and Mr. Childs are parents of four children. Three sons are physicians, with two practicing in Mobile, and one in Fairhope, and a daughter is a nurse in Enterprise.

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Engineer says workers are too busy to handle campaign promises

The Coffee County Commission met in regular session on Monday, March 28 at the courthouse in Elba, and it was obvious the election season was underway as the county engineer came under fire for not giving immediate attention to minor complaints filed by various commissioners.

Comm. Billy Eageron took exception to the fact that the county no longer had a "complaint crew" operating and declared that "The county needs to be able to help the people and without a complaint crew."

Engineer Mark Pool answered that "This is an election year and as in all election years commissioners get requests from residents in their districts that never made until an election year because the residents know who they are voting for. The commissioners wants to be reelected so he will do his best to see that the request is granted."

"I must do what is best for all of Coffee County," in the long run, stated Pool, "and that doesn't mean putting off projects to due date. It always seems we need it." This is spring and that means the crews are out beginning their clipping, while other crews are busy repairing bridges and patching roads. I just can't shut down my department to settle every complaint that comes in on my desk. If a complaint is justified, I will give it immediate attention, but if I can't wait it will just have to wait until we get a chance to work on that problem."

The commission discussed the projects and the grant and decided to make a final decision at the next meeting.

After questioning by Comm. Jimmy Bryan, Griffith responded that an area in Bryan's district was included in the area to be offered water by the Crenshaw County Water Aut-

"I have been the commissioner in my district for seven years," said Eageron, "and I reside in my district down on the Valley. I hear things in coming weeks, but in my district driveways will be fixed!"

The bi-monthly meeting began at 9:00 a.m. and after the approval of the agenda, the March 14 meeting opened the meeting by opening bids on road signs.

Bids were received from three companies; however, only one bid met all specifications and it was accepted from Traffic Signs Inc. in the Black Creek area of Southeast Alabama Regional Planning and Development Commission, was back at the meeting to conduct the second of two public hearings on the application for a grant to extend and construct water lines in rural Elba.

Griffith explained that a total of \$4.7 million has been designated for grants for counties and the maximum amount any county could receive for a project was \$300,000. He explained that the commission would consider the projects designed and cut the number of projects from fifteen to five.

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The areas include County Road Highway 87; County Road 49; County Road 11 and County Road 19, which includes a total of 43 houses.

In other action at Monday's meeting, the commission:

***agreed that drilling of a monitor well at the landfill was needed;

***was told that district maps were available at the engineering department in New Brockton at a

minimal cost;

***agreed to open bids on fuel at the next meeting;

***agreed to allow two employees to attend a computer seminar at Moulton.

***heard the engineer report that it would cost approximately \$2,000 to pave a two-tenth of a mile stretch on the Ewell Griffin Road that would meet the county's responsibility with the Soil Conservation Service;

***discussed a proposed gas tax increase that would not bring any money to the county and later agreed that it while it did not support the tax, if the tax did pass the counties in the state should get a portion;

***heard a report that the Veteran in the county had generated \$306,510.53 during 1987;

***agreed to meet to update the budget, which already is over projections in some areas;

The next commission will be held on Monday, April 11 at 9:00

***agreed to place a portion of the 5-cent sales tax into a special account;

***took no action on a suggestion engineer place all purchases in bid form, in matter what the amount;

***and, gave \$10 apiece to the Coffee County Arts Alliance for the purchase of a painting at the upcoming show;

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City Council discusses street paving projects

The Elba City Council met Monday evening for about 20 minutes with two members absent and others voting unanimously for the five items presented for a vote.

Items from the meeting were concerned with Gladys Yelverton and Malcolm Davis.

Approved was the hiring of a police officer, leasing a building, letting bids on street paving, applying for a federal grant and seeking professional advice on land management.

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training. "He is a mighty fine young man" White said.

The council approved the hiring of a new employee.

The new empty building at the old city pool will be rented to the Alcoholics Anonymous chapter in Elba for their regular meetings.

White will get the building for \$1.00 per year with them doing the maintenance and paying the liability insurance.

The council gave approval for the city to seek a Federal grant to do some drainage work in the swampy

area between the middle school and the football field. Plans call for installing some pipe from the existing pipe under the elementary school playground to Dixon Street and then constructing a concrete flume from Dixon to the levee, cutting out the trees and doing some fill work around the flume area. Mayor Bob English said he had been told Elba had a good chance of getting this grant.

The council contacted professionals for advice on how to properly manage the various pieces of land owned by the city. Council members suggested he contact state and federal agencies that specialize in this rather than hiring someone for the job. English agreed this was a good idea and said he would be in contact with the people in New Brockton this week.

Street paving was on the agenda and the council approved the solicitation of bids and English read a list of streets to be paved in the project. English said he expected the bids to run somewhere around \$65,000 and the work would be paid for with tax funds earmarked for this purpose and with \$40,000 the city is borrowing from the local banks.

Listed among the streets for work this year are Caroline Street from the canal bridge to Reese; Boswell Ave(near the work release facility); Taylor subdivision; Lindsey St.; Harper Street, Newton Street (from the end of Adkins on) each side of city hall all the way to the dead end; Riverview and Washington Ave.; Gray Street and Williams Street.

As an alternate the end of Elba (in Brookdale) as one of the worst problems in town.

English told council members they had received some good news as the SE All Gas board had received some good revenues from piping gas for other gas companies and that some of the money will be paid to the member cities. Elba's share should be about \$84,000 and will be received on April 15.

LaDonna Tucker is

no show at retrial

in Troy



1988 LITTLE MISS ELBA CROWNED...The annual Little Miss Elba pageant was held Saturday night, March 26 and crowned Little Miss Elba 1988 was Laura Crowe (second from left). A total of sixteen lovely young ladies from Elba Elementary School competed in the pageant, sponsored by the Elba Athletic Club. Pictured above are Christy Ann Smith - 3rd runner up; Little Miss Laura Crowe; Cristy Elaine Houston - 2nd runner up and Julie Roberson - 1st runner up.

Laura Crowe is crowned 1988 Little Miss Elba

The 1988 Little Miss Elba pageant was held Saturday night, March 26 at the Elba High School auditorium and crowned as the new Little Miss Elba was Laura Crowe, the seven-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dale Crowe.

A total of sixteen lovely first graders at the Elba Elementary School competed in the annual event, which is sponsored by the Elba Athletic Club.

The new Little Miss Elba has brown hair and blue eyes and is in Mrs. Crowe's class. Her hobbies include riding bikes, dancing and playing with her three sisters. She is a member of Sunday School at First Baptist Church, in Elba, and is also a member of the Music-Makers Choir.

The third runner up in the pageant was Julie Roberson, the six-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Roberson, while the second runner up was Cristy Elaine Houston, the six-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donnie Qualls and the third runner up was Christy Ann Smith, the seven-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mike

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Other semifinalists included Elizabeth Stephens, Dana Biggs, Elizabeth Godsey and Deana Farris. Rounding out the field of sixteen

lovely young ladies were Paige Hudson, Angela Laney, Elaine Conroy, Rees Grantham, Paige Bryan, Brandi Harrison, Emily Bryan and Casey Henderson.

County political races become crowded as candidates throw hats into the ring

The political season is in full swing across the nation and here in Coffee County activity has been brisk as candidates have qualified for various county offices.

A check of Democratic Party candidates has revealed that a total of 13 candidates had filed qualifying papers in the seven County Commissions districts.

In District 1, incumbent Jimmy Bryan has qualified to seek reelection, while opposition has come from Leon Smart, Jim DuBose, Douglas Harrelson and Sammie Wambles.

The District 2 race has incumbent Billy Eageron against Joe Green, while in District 3 incumbent Robert Stephens faces opposition from Malcolm Davis. The District 4 race has incumbent Eugene Bradley against Marvin Bowden, while Damascus Crittenden is the only Democrat seeking re-election. Wendell Hughes is the lone Democratic candidate in District 6. The District 7 post has yet to draw a Democratic candidate.

A video regarding sexual abuse and child abuse itself was shown to students in grades four through six and the students were each given a "Spider-Man" comic book dealing with child abuse. Younger students received a coloring book entitled "Red Flag, Green Flag People" which is designed to help the younger children learn about good touches and bad touches from people.

Child Support and Eligibility Unit supervisor Dianne Parker re-

ported February reflected another record month for child support. A total of \$39,590.20 was collected in February, which represented an increase of \$2,401.00 from the previous month.

Mr. Parker also stated that much emphasis had been placed on the Welfare Reform Forum held in Enterprise in February. Some suggestions which came from the forum included the implementation of a work program for welfare recipients, utilizing day care resources to allow welfare recipients to work and opportunities for workers to make home visits on questionable cases so that suspected fraud could be validated.

Smith also reported that he had met with the commissioners in Montgomery in an attempt to alleviate the clerical needs of Coffee County known and after the meeting expressed hope that the state commissioner would adopt the formula.

Smith also reported that he had written numerous news articles to promote the Child Support Program in March. Project Up Front in the Child Support Program and appeared on television in Dothan publicizing the special program.

Smith called special attention to the excellent audit that the county department received from the state office.

In the report mailed to Smith after the completion of the audit, it was stated that the findings revealed that the financial records were "well maintained and were in agreement with the recommendations of the audited financial statements."

The audit, conducted by Ronald Smith, the county director of the Department of Pensions and Security from 1971 until 1977 was reported. Mrs. McMinn was called a "very dedicated person who did so much for the state."

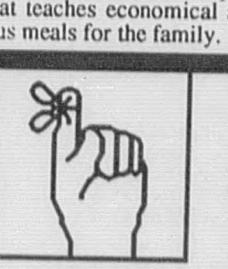
The continuing staff was also mentioned by Smith, who reported that the county department was in need of a food stamp certification worker, a child support worker and a social worker for adult services. The needs had reportedly been referred to the Regional Coordination Division.

Community Resources supervisor Glenda Smith reported that the agency was in the process of establishing an extensive video library for use in worker training and community education.

Mrs. McMinn stated that during the month of February a number of the videos had been shown to school students in Coffee County and all comments from the students were positive.

A video regarding sexual abuse and child abuse itself was shown to students in grades four through six and the students were each given a "Spider-Man" comic book dealing with child abuse. Younger students received a coloring book entitled "Red Flag, Green Flag People" which is designed to help the younger children learn about good touches and bad touches from people.

Child Support and Eligibility Unit supervisor Dianne Parker re-



Move Clocks Up 1 Hour

The third trial of LaDonna Tucker, scheduled to begin last week in Troy, never got started as Mrs. Tucker failed to appear at the courthouse and was later apprehended near the home of a relative in Kansas.

Mrs. Tucker, formerly of Enterprise, is charged with murder for hire in connection with the 1981 death of her husband, Sgt. Jimmy Tucker.

Mrs. Tucker was found guilty of killing her husband in 1982, but had the court ruling reversed by the Alabama Supreme Court and then a second trial in 1986 ended in a mistrial when the jury failed to reach a verdict.

It is estimated the third trial will begin in 30-60 days.

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